

Congressman Altmire has quickly established himself as one of the leading voices in Congress on [veteran](#) , [health care](#) and [small business](#) issues. His leadership to [guarantee bonuses](#) for combat wounded veterans garnered national attention and he has [authored 24 different legislative initiatives](#) that have already passed the House. Seventeen of those initiatives have been signed into law. He is also credited with directing over [\\$120 million in federal funding to western Pennsylvania](#) for key economic development projects.

For more details on his positions and work in Congress, please follow the links below:

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Sponsored and Cosponsored Legislation

Before a proposed piece of legislation can be considered by the House of Representatives, it must first be sponsored by a Member of Congress (either a Member of the House or a Member of the Senate). Members of COngress who are not the primary sponsor of a piece of legislation may express their strong support for the legislation by becoming a co-sponsor of that legislation. Here are the pieces of legislation that Congressman Altmire has [sponsored](#) or [co-sponsored](#)

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Federal Funding Requests

Every year, Congressman Altmire's office receives hundreds of requests for funding and he does his best to help local non-profits, schools, police and fire departments, small businesses, and municipalities secure federal funding to provide services, create jobs, and grow the local economy. One of the avenues for federal assistance is through the annual appropriations, or budget, process. For a list of all his requests for fiscal year 2010, click [here](#) .

Surface Transportation Bill Funding Requests

As part of Congressman Altmire's on-going efforts to make Congress more transparent, he has posted all of his funding requests for the upcoming Surface Transportation Authorization bill on his website. You can view the requests by clicking [here](#) .

The Surface Transportation Authorization bill will lay out the federal government's transportation and infrastructure funding priorities for the next five years. As the only western Pennsylvanian on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Altmire is working to secure funding that will improve western Pennsylvania's infrastructure and pave the way for our region's long-term economic growth.

It is important to note that all of these requests are still being reviewed by the House Transportation Committee. There is no guarantee that any of these project requests will be funded.

Water Resources and Development Act 2010 Requests

As part of his on-going efforts to improve western Pennsylvania's infrastructure and flood mitigation efforts, Congressman Altmire has submitted several requests to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for consideration for the 2010 Water Resources and Development Act. These requests will be reviewed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to ensure that they meet United States Army Corps eligibility guidelines. It is important to note that there is no guarantee that any of these project requests will be selected or funded. You can view Congressman Altmire's requests by clicking [here](#) .

Committee Reports

The House of Representatives divides its work among over twenty permanent [committees](#) . Normally, before a piece of legislation is considered by the House it has been reviewed by at least one of the committees and a report is issued by that committee describing the legislation and indicating (on section-by-section basis) how the proposed statute changes existing statutes. These are the [committee reports of the current Congress](#)

Congressman Altmire chairs the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee of the [Small Business Committee](#) . He also serves on:

- [Small Business Committee](#)
- Chairman, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight
- Subcommittee on Regulations, Healthcare, and Trade

- [Education and Labor Committee](#)
- [Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)
- [Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness](#)

- [Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#)
- [Subcommittee on Highways and Transit](#)
- [Subcommittee on Aviation](#)
- [Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials](#)

Proceedings of the House

The Congressional Record is the official transcript of the proceedings and debates of the U.S. Congress. The full text of the [Congressional Record](#) is published the day after each meeting of the House or Senate. A [summary of what is happening currently on the Floor of the House](#)

is also available as the debate occurs.

Rules and Precedent of the House

The [House Rules and Precedents](#) are the official documents that spell out the process by which legislation is considered by the House and its committees; as well as specifying the authority of the officers and committees of the House. Several collections of material explaining the rules and precedents are available through the House Rules Committee:

[General Parliamentary Procedure](#)

, [House Committee Procedures](#)

, [House Floor Procedures](#)

, and

[House and Senate parliamentary procedure](#)

(originally compiled by the Congressional Research Services of the Library of Congress).

Legislative Process

[Tying It All Together: Learn About the Legislative Process](#) , [How Our Laws Are Made](#) , and [Enactment of a Law](#)

are publications that discuss the steps of our Federal lawmaking process from the source of an idea for a legislative proposal through its publication as a statute. A

[kid's version of](#)

[How Laws Are Made](#)

is also available.

Roll Call Votes

The record of how each Member of the House voted on each vote where the vote was conducted electronically is available. These are the [roll call votes](#) .

Schedule of the House

Various schedules of upcoming House activities are available. On a daily basis, there is the Majority Leader's [Daily Leader](#) and the Majority Whip's [Daily WhipLine](#) . On a weekly basis, there is the [Weekly](#)

[House Program](#)

prepared by the Clerk of the House and the

[Weekly Leader](#)

prepared by the House Majority Leader. On an annual basis, there is the

[Majority Whip's annual House Calendar](#)

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Federal Laws

The [U.S. Code](#) is the official compilation of the current Federal statutes of a general and permanent nature. The Code is arranged according to subject matter under

[50 subject headings \("titles"\)](#)

. The Code sets out the current status of the laws, incorporating all amendments into the text. Prior to being added to the U.S. Code, individual laws are published in pamphlet form as "slip laws" which are later collected together in chronological order (not in subject order) as the

[Statutes at Large](#)

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